

2004-2005 MOUNTAIN LION HUNTING SEASONS

GENERAL RULES

Female With Young: Neither spotted mountain lion young nor female mountain lions accompanied by young may be taken.

Evidence of Sex: Must be left attached to the hide of any mountain lion taken. For mountain lion, external evidence of sex (either scrotum, penis, or testicles for males, or vulva for females) must be left naturally attached to the hide until the mandatory check requirement has been satisfied.

Bag Limit: No person may take more mountain lions than the number for which he or she possesses legal tags.

Mandatory Check And Report: Any hunter killing a mountain lion must, **WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF KILL:**

- Present the skull and hide to an IDFG conservation officer, regional office or other official checkpoint for removal and retention of a premolar tooth and to have the hide tagged with an official state export tag. No person shall have in possession, EXCEPT during the open season and for 10 days after the close of the season, any raw mountain lion pelt which does not have an official state export tag attached (either Idaho's or another state's official export tag).
- A hunter may authorize another person to comply with the above requirements if that person possesses enough information to accurately complete the necessary form.
- Please thaw your mountain lion hide and skull before bringing it in for tagging.

IDFG's headquarters office is not equipped to check in mountain lions. In the Boise area, these animals can be checked at IDFG's volunteer office at 109 W. 44th St., Garden City by appointment (call 208-327-7099).

Capturing Mountain Lions: No person may trap, snare or otherwise capture or hold any mountain lion without having first obtained a permit issued by the Director.

Big Game Feeding Sites: It is unlawful to hunt or pursue mountain lions within 1/2 mile of any active IDFG big game feeding site.

HOUD HUNTING RULES

Dogs

Dogs may be used to pursue mountain lions in either an open take season where use of dogs is allowed, or during a dog training season. Pursuit is allowed regardless of whether a mountain lion has already been harvested. During a dog training season, mountain lions may be pursued and treed, but may not be captured, killed, or possessed.

Hound Hunter Permit

The following persons must have a valid hound hunter permit in possession and have purchased a mountain lion tag for the current year when dogs are being used to hunt:

- Anyone who owns pursuit dogs.
- Anyone having control of dogs owned by another person.
- Anyone who harvests a mountain lion, black bear, bobcat, raccoon, or fox with the use of dogs, EXCEPT clients of

licensed outfitters are not required to have a hound hunter permit.

- **Resident hound hunter permits** may be obtained from any license vendor.

Limitation on hound hunter permits for nonresidents:

Nonresidents wanting to apply for hound hunter permits should notify the license section at IDFG headquarters office in October. Permits for the following year are issued in December. No more than 70 nonresident hound hunter permits will be issued to nonresident hunters who are not licensed outfitters (see exceptions for Middle Fork, Selway and Lolo zones). Nonresident outfitters and guides who have obtained a hound hunter permit shall not use the permit for personal hunting. Sales of nonresident hound hunter permits to the following persons shall not be counted in the quota for nonresidents:

- Persons who have moved into Idaho and by notarized affidavit show proof of their intent to become bona fide Idaho residents but are not yet qualified to purchase a resident license.
- **Middle Fork Zone:** Persons who hound hunt solely in big game units within the Middle Fork elk zone (Units 20A, 26, and 27).
- **Selway Zone:** Persons who hound hunt solely within the Selway Zone (Units 16A, 17, 19, and 20). A total of 40 permits will be issued for Units 16A, 19, 20, and all of Unit 17, excluding Hunt Area 17-1 which will have six permits. Hunt Area 17-1 is defined as that portion of Unit 17 south of the following boundary:

Beginning at the junction of the Unit 17 boundary and Forest Service Trail 24, then west along Forest Service Trail 24 to the Selway River, then north along the Selway River to Forest Service Trail 40, then southwest along Forest Service Trail 40 to Forest Service Trail 3, then west along Forest Service Trail 3 to the Unit 17 boundary.

- **Lolo Zone:** Persons who hound hunt solely in the Lolo Zone (Units 10 and 12). Six permits will be issued for each of the following four hunt areas:

Hunt Area 10-1 is that portion of Unit 10 on the north side of the North Fork of the Clearwater River drainage downstream from its junction with Kelly Creek.

Hunt Area 10-2 is that portion of Unit 10 within the North Fork of the Clearwater River drainage upstream from its junction with Kelly Creek, and the Kelly Creek drainage excluding the Cayuse Creek drainage upstream from its junction with Forest Service Road 581.

Hunt Area 12-1 is that portion of Unit 12 north of U.S. Highway 12, and west of Doe Creek Road (Forest Service Road 566).

Hunt Area 12-2 is that portion of Unit 12 south of U.S. Highway 12 and west of Elk Summit Road (Forest Service Road 360).

Hound Hunter Alert: Selway and Middle Fork zones are wilderness areas! Vehicle access is not allowed and rugged terrain can make pursuit extremely difficult. Contact the local Forest Service office for maps showing trails and access. Wolves may be present in any big game management unit.

Bobcats: Bobcats may be pursued during any open mountain lion season, but bobcats may NOT be killed except during seasons open for take of bobcats (see Idaho trapping seasons brochure).

FEMALE MOUNTAIN LION QUOTA

To find out if the quota on female mountain lions has been met and the season has been closed in a particular management unit, call 1-800-323-4334. For more specific information about the number of female lions harvested and reported for each management unit, call an IDFG regional office or the headquarters office in Boise. (See page 2.)

SPECIAL TAGS

Second tags:

Second tags issued for mountain lions may be used only in that portion of Unit 16 north of the Selway River and all of Units 10, 12, 16A, 17, 19, 20, 20A, 26, and 27. Nonresident black bear and mountain lion tags used in these units are available for \$31.50.

Nonresident Deer Tag Used as a Mountain Lion Tag:

Nonresident deer tags, EXCLUDING Nonresident Junior Mentored deer tags, are valid to take a black bear or mountain lion instead of a deer where the deer tag is valid, and there is an open deer season in that unit; and there is also an open bear season if taking a bear or open mountain lion season if taking a lion in that same unit. Hunters may buy other bear or lion tags, but once the deer tag is used to harvest a deer, black bear, or mountain lion, a second deer tag may not be purchased, except to hunt in an area where the harvest of two deer is allowed, or by purchasing a leftover nonresident deer tag when available.

Nonresident Reduced Mountain Lion Tags: In the Lolo, Selway, or Middle Fork Zone units (Units 10, 12, 16A, 17, 19, 20, 20A, 26, and 27), and in that portion of Unit 16 north of the Selway River, nonresidents may use Reduced Bear or Reduced Mountain Lion tags, available at the discounted price of \$31.50. Reduced Bear and Reduced Mountain Lion tags are valid ONLY in these units. To hunt bears and lions in any other unit, hunters must purchase a regular bear or lion tag at the regular price. Hunters who have already purchased a bear or lion tag at the regular price will not get a refund to purchase a reduced tag.

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| Units | Take Season | Dogs Prohibited | Female Quota | Notes |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--|
| 1 | Aug 30 - Feb 15 | Aug 30 - Dec 1 | | <i>Dog training season open Feb 16 - Mar 31.</i> |
| 2, 3, 4A, 5, 6 | Aug 30 - Feb 15 | Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 9 - Dec 1 | | <i>Dog training season open Feb 16 - Mar 31.</i> |
| 4 | Aug 30 - Feb 15 | Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 9 - Nov 3 | | <i>Dog training season open Feb 16 - Mar 31.</i> |
| 7, 9 | Aug 30 - Feb 15 | Oct 9 - Nov 3 | | <i>Dog training season open Feb 16 - Mar 31.</i> |
| 8 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 9 - Dec 1 | | |
| 8A | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 9 - Dec 1 | | |
| 10, 12 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 9 - Oct 31 | | <i>2 lion bag limit. Electronic calls may be used in Unit 12 ONLY</i> |
| 10A | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 9 - Nov 20 | | |
| 11, 11A, 15, 18 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 9 - Nov 20 | | |
| 13 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 9 - Nov 3 | | |
| 14 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 9 - Nov 20 | | |
| 16 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 9 - Nov 20 | | <i>North of Selway River: 2 lion bag limit Remainder of unit: 1 lion bag limit</i> |
| 16A, 17, 19, 20 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Sept 15 - Oct 31 | | <i>2 lion bag limit</i> |
| 19A | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 1 - Nov 24 | | |
| 20A, 26, 27 | Aug 30 - Apr 30 | Sept 15 - Oct 31 | | <i>2 lion bag limit</i> |
| 21, 21A | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 5 - Nov 8 | | |
| 22 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Aug 30 - Nov 24 | 6 | <i>See note 1, Page 59</i> |
| 23 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 1 - Nov 24 | 8 | <i>See note 1, Page 59</i> |
| 24 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 5 - Nov 8 | 5 | <i>See note 1, Page 59</i> |
| 25 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 5 - Nov 24 | 8 | <i>See note 1, Page 59</i> |
| 28, 36B | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 5 - Nov 8 | | |

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| Units | Take Season | Dogs Prohibited | Female Quota | Notes |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---|
| 29, 30, 30A, 36A, 37, 37A | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 1 - Nov 24 | | <i>Motorized Vehicle Restriction Units 29, 30, 30A, 36A, 37A, See note 3, Page 59</i> |
| 31 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Aug 30 - Nov 24 | 3 | <i>See note 1, Page 59,</i> |
| 32 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Aug 30 - Nov 24 | 6 | <i>Motorized Vehicle Restriction, See notes 1 & 3, Page 59</i> |
| 32A | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Aug 30 - Nov 3 Nov 10 - Nov 24 | 5 | <i>See note 1, Page 59, Motorized Vehicle Restriction, See note 3, Page 59</i> |
| 33, 34, 35 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 5 - Nov 8 | 15 | <i>See note 1, Page 59</i> |
| 36 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 5 - Nov 8 | | |
| 38 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 5 - Nov 30 | | |
| 39 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 5 - Nov 9 | 10 | <i>See note 1, Page 59</i> |
| 40 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 5 - Nov 24 | 10 | <i>See note 1, Page 59</i> |
| 41, 42 | Aug 30 - Jun 30 | Oct 5 - Nov 24 | 10 | <i>See note 1, Page 59. Electronic calls may be used</i> |
| 43, 44, 48, 49 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 1 - Nov 30 | 6 | <i>See note 2, Page 59, Motorized Vehicle Restriction Units 48, 49, See note 3, Page 59</i> |
| 45, 50, 51, 52, 52A, 53, 58, 59, 59A | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 1 - Nov 30 | | <i>Motorized Vehicle Restriction Units 45, 50, 51, 52, 53, 58, 59, 59A, See note 3, Page 59</i> |
| 46, 47 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 5 - Oct 31 Nov 10 - Nov 24 | 3 | <i>See note 2, Page 59, Motorized Vehicle Restriction Unit 47, See note 3, Page 59</i> |
| 54 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 5 - Oct 31 Nov 10 - Nov 24 | 6 | <i>See note 2, Page 59</i> |
| 55 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 5 - Oct 31 | 6 | <i>See note 2, Page 59</i> |
| 56 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 1 - Nov 24 | 3 | <i>See note 2, Page 59</i> |
| 57 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 5 - Oct 31 Nov 10 - Nov 24 | | <i>Motorized Vehicle Restriction Unit 56, See note 3, Page 59.</i> |
| 60, 60A, 61, 62, 62A, 63, 63A, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 68A, 69 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 1 - Nov 30 | | <i>Motorized Vehicle Restriction Unit 66, See note 3, Page 59</i> |
| 66A, 75, 76, 77, 78 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 1 - Nov 16 | 6 | <i>See note 2, Page 59 Motorized Vehicle Restriction Units 75, 77, 78, See note 3, Page 59</i> |
| 70, 73, 73A | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 1 - Nov 16 | 5 | <i>See note 2, Page 59 Motorized Vehicle Restriction Units 70 & 73, See note 3, Page 59</i> |
| 71, 72, 74 | Aug 30 - Mar 31 | Oct 1 - Nov 16 | 4 | <i>See note 2, Page 59</i> |

Notes:

- 1— The take season in this/these unit(s) will remain open for either sex until the female quota is reached or the take season ends. After the female quota has been reached, the take season in this/these unit(s) will remain open for males ONLY.
- 2— The take season in this/these unit(s) will remain open until the female quota is reached, or the take season ends, whichever comes first. For these units, a dog training season shall open upon the closure of the unit to harvest where a harvest quota is met. If opened, the training season in any of these units shall close Mar 31.
- 3— Motorized vehicle use as an aid to hunting for wildlife is restricted **August 30 through December 31** to established roadways open to motorized vehicle traffic capable of travel by full-sized automobiles. A full-sized automobile shall be defined as any motorized vehicle with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 1500 pounds. See page 28.